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Coach Dore Wins National Co-coach of the Year Award

Concordia University's head basketball coach John Dore was selected as the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union "Coach of the Year" at the Canadian University Championships last week. The second year coach shared the honour with Bruce Enns of the University of British Columbia.

Dore, in only his second year as head coach of the Stingers, directed the Montreal school to their third consecutive league title. Concordia boasted one of the toughest schedules in Canada playing coast-to-coast and south of the border. Their non-conference play included three games against NCAA Division I schools and eleven contests against Canadian Top Ten teams.

The native New Yorker impressed the basketball world last year when he led the underdog Stingers to their first-ever National Championship. The Quebec Basketball Federation previously honoured coach Dore as the province's Coach of the Year and the team as the Team of the Year for 1990.

"The coach of the year is more a team award than anything else," Dore said. "It goes as much to assistant coach Harvey Liverman and the players. A coach is only as good as his player; they deserve the credit for this year's success."

John came to Montreal in 1971 and played four years on the Loyola and then Concordia basketball teams. He was voted to the league all-star team three times and represented the school in three national championships.

Upon graduation, John accepted a position as department head of physical education and athletics at St. George's High School and was named assistant basketball coach of the Concordia women's team. His coaching career then took him to Vanier College where he compiled a 35-25 record and two playoff appearances in a two-year stint. He returned to his alma mater in 1982 to become Doug Daigneault's number one assistant. He remained in that capacity until last June when he was selected to replace Doug Daigneault. And, the rest is history.

A native of Queen's, New York, John has been involved with the Sun Youth "Youth-East" team for two years. During the summer months John is the coordinator of the Fast Break Basketball Camp at Bishop's University. This September John was appointed Coordinator of Marketing & Communications for the department.